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In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2008, please first amend
the above-identified patent application as follows: